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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

KO et al.

Application No. 09/894,230

Filing Date: June 27, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ARGON)
PLASMA INDUCED ULTRA VIOLET
LIGHT CURING STEP FOR INCREASING
SILICON-CONTAINING PHOTORESIST
SELECTIVITY

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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

It is submitted that the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application:

(1) 09/894,649, filed on June 27, 2001, entitled "PLASMA ENHANCED METHOD FOR INCREASING SILICON-CONTAINING PHOTORESIST SELECTIVITY",

a copy of which is enclosed, is related to the above-identified Patent Application, and may be material to its examination. Accordingly, Applicants submit this reference in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this Application.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist, or that this reference indeed constitutes prior art.

This IDS is believed to be filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this IDS.

However, if it is determined that any fees are due, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P257).

Respectfully submitted,

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